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Docket No.	FIS920020166US1
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Attached: Amendment Transmittal Letter, & Amendment

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Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention: SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE AREA

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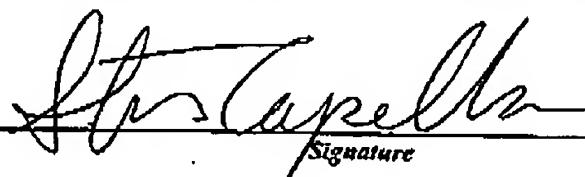
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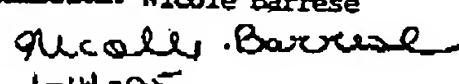
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Group Art Unit 1763

In re application of : January 14, 2004  
Hendrik F. Hamann et al. : Examiner: Maureen G. Arachibia  
Serial No. : 10/604,487 :  
Filed: July 25, 2003 : IBM Corporation  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF : Dept. 18G/Bldg. 300-482  
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE : 2070 Route 52  
AREA : Hopewell Junction, NY  
: 12533-6531

**Amendment**

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Sir:

The following amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated October 15, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**